

Requester Information

Requester	Tanya Sanerib	Tracking Number	DOI-FWS-2022-000798
Organization	Center for Biological Diversity	Submitted Date	11/19/2021
Requester Has Account	No	Received Date	11/19/2021
Email Address	tsanerib@biologicaldiversity.org	Perfected Date	
Phone Number		Last Assigned Date	11/19/2021
Fax Number		Assigned To	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Address	2400 NW 80th Street, #146	Last Assigned By	
City	Seattle	Request Track	Simple
State/Province	WA	Fee Limit	\$0.00
Zip Code/Postal Code	98117		

Request Handling

Requester Info Available to the Public	No	Request Type	FOIA
Request Track	Simple	Request Perfected	No
Fee Category		Perfected Date	
Fee Waiver Requested	Yes	Acknowledgement Sent Date	
Fee Waiver Status	Pending	Unusual Circumstances	No
Expedited Processing Requested	No	Litigation	No
Expedited Processing Status		Court Docket Number	
		5 Day Notifications?	No

Description

Long Description

We request the following records pertaining to leopards, African elephants, and African lions, or any combination of species from October 15, 2021 to whenever this request has been processed: All non-detriment findings (positive or negative) or general advices made or received by USFWS for imports of sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All enhancement findings (positive or negative) or advice for imports of sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All permit applications submitted for ESA permits for sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All permit applications submitted for CITES permits for sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All FWS decisions (positive or negative) on ESA permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All FWS decisions (positive or negative) on CITES permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All FWS communications sent to applicants regarding ESA permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy; All FWS communications sent to applicants regarding CITES permit applications for sport hunted trophies or a trophy.

Has Description Been Modified

Yes

Long Description Modified

Description Available to the Public

No

Short Description

Additional Information

Relevant park or refuge or site or other location N/A

Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public?

No

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type
November 2021 Trophy NDF and Enhancement FOIA.pdf	0.1576	Adobe PDF Document

Appeals

Tracking Number	Appeal Date	Appellant	Phase	Notification
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No appeals have been created.

Consultations

Tracking Number	Consulted Agency	Created By	Consultation Date	Due Date	Phase
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No consultations have been created.

Correspondence to Requester

Subject	From	To	Date
FOIA Request DOI-FWS-2022-000798 Submitted	System	Tanya Sanerib	11/19/2021

This message is to confirm your request submission to the FOIAonline application: [View Request](#). Request information is as follows:

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Other Correspondence

Attached File	File Type	Size (MB)
No correspondence has been created.		

Fee Estimates

Current Estimate Total	\$0
Date Estimate Sent to Requester	N/A
Estimate Required for Payment	N/A

Invoices

Sent	Title	Invoice Date	Amount
No invoices have been created.			

Total Amount Billed Which Has Been Sent To Requester	\$0.00
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Payments

Date	Amount	Type	Total Amount Paid	\$0.00
			Total Amount Owed	\$0.00
No payments have been added.				

Case Responsive Records

Publish Options:

UU - Unredacted - Unreleaseable

RU - Redacted - Unreleasable

**UR - Unredacted - Releaseable to the
General Public**

**RR - Redacted - Releasable to the General
Public**

REQ - Release to Requester Only

Release Type	Title	User	Date/Time	Exemptions	Release Date
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No records have been uploaded.

Restricted Materials

Attached File Name	Size (MB)	File Type	User	Actual Agency	Date/Time
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No restricted materials have been added.

Existing Admin Costs

Date	User Name	Charge Type	Hours/Quantity	Rate	Billable?	Total
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No cost entries have been added.

Fee Category: N/A

Total: \$0.00

Invoice Amount: \$0.00

Assigned Tasks

Outcome	Task Type	Assigned To	Assigned By	Submitted Date	Due Date	Closed Date	Notification	Justification
Pending	Fee Waiver	FWS	Tanya Sanerib	11/19/2021	11/19/2021		No	

Requester
Justification

As explained in the attached letter the Center meets the requirements for a fee waiver. Under FOIA, a party is entitled to a fee waiver when “disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the [Federal] government and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.” 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). FWS’s regulations at 43 C.F.R. § 2.45(a) establish the same standard.

Thus, FWS must consider four factors to determine whether a request is in the public interest: (1) whether the subject of the requested records concerns “the operations or activities of the Federal government,” (2) whether the disclosure is “likely to contribute” to an understanding of government operations or activities, (3) whether the disclosure “will contribute to public understanding” of a reasonably-broad audience of persons interested in the subject, and (4) whether the disclosure is likely to contribute “significantly” to public understanding of government operations or activities. 43 C.F.R. § 2.48(a)(1) – (4). As shown below, the Center meets each of these factors.

Existing Comments (0)

Date Created	Last Edited On	User Name
No comments have been added.		

Assigned Reviewers

Review Order	Review Outcome	Assigned Reviewer	Review Date
No reviewers have been assigned.			